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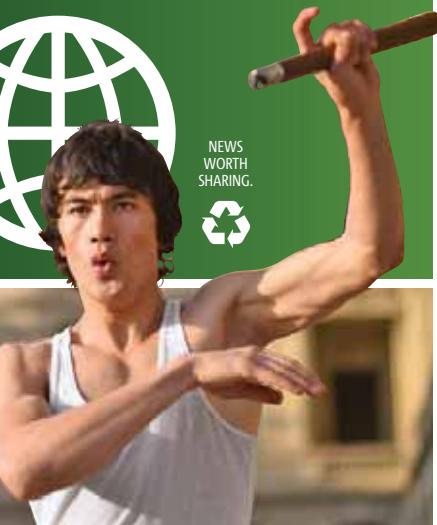
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Musician Allan Adam drums to celebrate Alex Janvier being named as the signature artist for public art at Rogers Place. Janvier says his piece, titled "Iron Foot Place," was inspired by the land and hockey. Story, page 4. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Metro Line back on track

Public transit. City still must review safety documentation before trains roll, but 'no showstoppers' noted during testing



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After the long-delayed Metro Line LRT passed crucial signalling tests over the weekend, city officials said they are now "cautiously optimistic" trains will roll by May.

That optimism comes in part thanks to the city acquiring "most" of what they need from the lead consultant, Toronto-based Thales Group.

"Thales has initiated the handover of the Metro Line but it is not complete as of yet," said Dorian Wandzura, general manager of transportation services. "The next step for us is to review and evaluate the safety documentation."

Thales Group, who was contracted by the city to meld the new and old signalling system, was having troubles putting the two systems together.

Once the evaluation of Thales' work is complete, city officials said the city would take over full control of the line. He added the city is still aiming for a May opening date.

Testing of the line went well over the weekend, noting just a few issues with the tracks and timings at some intersections.

"There's been no showstoppers in the information we've seen or the testing we've done," said Wayne Mandryk, with transportation services.

The Metro Line will add an estimated 13,200 daily passengers to Edmonton's LRT load and eventually continue past its current terminus at NAIT to connect St. Albert to the city.

City officials said operators are still training for the opening of the line.

"We're still cautiously optimistic that we're going to open in four to six weeks," Mandryk said.



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Bhardwaj calling it quits

Politics. Cleared of wrongdoing, MLA says he is not going to run in the next election

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The Progressive Conservative party has cleared him of wrongdoing in the Edmonton-Ellerslie nomination contest, but MLA Naresh Bhardwaj is not going to run in the next election.

In a statement released Monday morning, Bhardwaj said that even though he had been cleared, he was withdrawing as a candidate.

"It is with deep regret that I am announcing today that I will withdraw my candidacy with the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta," reads Bhardwaj's statement.

Bhardwaj said in the statement he would continue to pursue his defamation claim against Balbir Sidhu, who made bribery allegations, in a sworn statement against Bhardwaj.

"I continue to vigorously



Naresh Bhardwaj withdrew Monday from the race in Edmonton-Ellerslie. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

work to clear up this matter, with full and complete confidence that my innocence will be proven," reads the statement.

In the sworn statement, which contains unproven al-

legations, Sidhu claimed that Bhardwaj or one of his associates offered him \$10,000 to withdraw his support from Bhardwaj's challenger in the race.

Bhardwaj said in the re-

lease he was also prepared to co-operate fully with any police investigation, which NDP MLA Brian Mason has called for.

On Monday, Edmonton Police spokesman Scott Pat-

Background

- Bhardwaj has been the MLA for Edmonton-Ellerslie since 2008 and was most recently the associate minister for persons with disabilities.
- The PC party has said Balraj Manhas, who was disqualified from running against Bhardwaj, is not eligible to be a candidate.

tison said police were still reviewing the information Mason had provided.

"I do not want this matter to unfairly impact my premier, my colleagues or my party," Bhardwaj said in his statement.

Bhardwaj's statement also indicates that he plans to remain as the MLA for Edmonton-Ellerslie until an election is called.

In a statement, the PCs' executive director, Kelley Charlebois, said they would now review the situation.

"The nomination committee will discuss the next course of action in the coming days," he said.

Outlying communities costly for police

Edmonton Police spend 20 per cent of their time and more than \$27 million dealing with people who aren't from the city.

The numbers come from a report presented to city councilors Monday, as they try to make a case that the province should be chipping in more for policing costs.

"It was what we suspect, which is that we do a lot of work on the front lines dealing with people who are not from Edmonton," said Mayor Don Iveson about the report.

The province provides \$13 million in policing grants to the city.

Iveson said with the grim economic picture the prov-

ince is facing, he doesn't expect relief will be coming, but he hopes to make the case over the long term.

"This is a long game and these problems took years to develop (and) they are not going to be solved overnight," he said.

Coun. Dave Loken was even more pessimistic.

"We have nothing but doom and gloom in terms of the provincial budget coming down. I'm not optimistic we will see anything more and we may see less," he said.

Police commission chairman Shami Sandhu said the data the force dug up confirms what he expected.

City council turned down

the police for 49 new positions in the budget last December. Sandhu confirmed Monday that he will ask council to reconsider in the weeks ahead before tax notices are mailed out.

"It will just be to reiterate how important we think those positions are."

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Q&A. Alex Janvier on art, roads and his inspiration

Artist Alex Janvier spoke to Metro following the announcement that his work will be a signature piece of public art at Rogers Place Winter Garden when it opens in 2016.

Metro: What was the inspiration for your piece "Iron Foot Place"?

AJ: I wanted to create something with a connection to the land, so there's the image of water flowing from the North Saskatchewan River. But I'm also proud to have played hockey, so there's a formalization of a hockey game, with a player in the middle.

Metro: Some say public art is a waste of taxpayer's money—that we should build roads instead. Why is public art not a waste?

AJ: Taxpayers talk too damn much. Public art is moving, and art will outlive any road.

Metro: It's said there's no

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"I don't know what else will come, but I've had the honour and pleasure to do this. But I hope people just enjoy it—I don't want them to genuflect to it."

Janvier on lack of public art in Edmonton that reflects indigenous history

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- Four pieces of public art are being commissioned for the Rogers Place Winter Garden with a tab to the City of more than \$2 million, or one percent of construction costs
- Janvier's piece "Iron Foot Place" (translated from Dene Sulne) will be a 1,600 square-foot mosaic tile floor installation, costing \$700,000.
- Janvier is an Alberta-born member of the Dene, Sulne and Saulteaux First Nations. He attended residential school near St. Paul

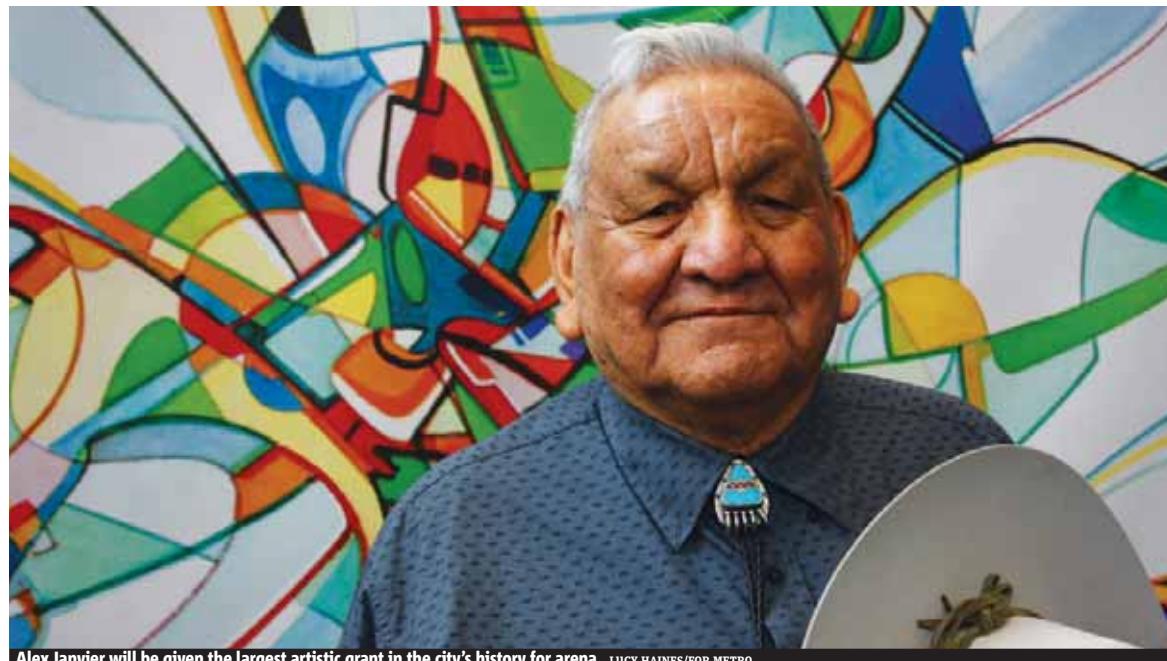
public art in Edmonton that reflects indigenous history. What do you say to that?

AJ: I don't know what else will come, but I've had the honour and pleasure to do this. But I hope people just enjoy it—I don't want them to genuflect to it.

Metro: What was the process in creating this piece?

AJ: It took a few drafts and then a day to do a final design. But putting the mosaic tiles into the floor is up to others—I'll just supervise.

LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO



Alex Janvier will be given the largest artistic grant in the city's history for arena LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Esteemed Dene artist to decorate Winter Garden

Unprecedented grant.
Alex Janvier will receive \$700,000 to paint a 45-foot circular mosaic called 'Iron Place'

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Dene painter Alex Janvier has created stunning pieces

for Ottawa's Canadian Museum of History, and is now set to beautify Rogers Place following an unprecedented public art grant announced by the city Monday.

The announcement of Janvier's \$700,000 commission to paint a 45-foot diameter circular mosaic titled 'Tsa tsa ke k'e' or 'Iron Place,' featuring water, land and hockey elements at downtown's new arena

drew praise from onlookers.

Coun. Scott McKeen said Janvier's painting, which appeared at the announcement in smaller form, is "spectacular" and a special way to honour Edmonton's location on Treaty Six First Nations territory.

"It celebrates our rich and shared history," McKeen said.

Janvier's mosaic will

be one of four major public artworks in the Rogers Place Winter Garden, and it is part of the City of Edmonton's Percent for Art Policy, and managed by the Edmonton Arts Council.

"I used to wear No. 16 when I played hockey, the same year the art will be unveiled in the arena," said Janvier, 80. "I'm honoured to participate, but the art belongs to all of us."

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City hopes twisted bridge issue will straighten out

Construction. Buckled girders forced closure of Groat Road, which may not reopen until April 7 in worst case



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Motorists hoping for relief from the closure of Groat Road should cross their fingers Wednesday morning, as the contractor attempts a major lift of the bridge's four damaged girders that could see it snap back into shape.

A 1,200-tonne crane is in place at the bridge to lift the damaged girders, which paralyzed traffic when they buckled during assembly last weekend.

Barry Belcourt, the city's manager of road design and construction, said that if the buckled girders snap back into shape when the crane takes up their weight, the city might not have to remove them.

"If we can stabilize the girders safely in place, that means we could open up Groat Road sooner," Belcourt said during a press conference Monday.

Belcourt said work will start Tuesday to attach the crane to two of the damaged girders. He said when the girders are lifted, the city will be able to decide what happens next.

In a best-case scenario, if the girders don't have to be removed, Belcourt said the city could potentially open Groat Road by the end of this



These girders buckled during assembly, forcing the closure of Groat Road until they could be stabilized, potentially delaying the 102 Avenue Bridge project for a year. METRO FILE

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"If we can stabilize the girders safely in place, that means we could open up Groat Road sooner."

Barry Belcourt, Edmonton's manager of road design

week. He said the worst-case scenario is the removal of the girders, which would see Groat Road reopen on April 7.

Belcourt said the crane, road closures and other work all come at significant cost,

but those expenses are being swallowed by the contractors.

"There will be a lot of costs, but the good thing is they won't be to the taxpayers of Edmonton."

The girders

- Each of the girders is 43 metres long and 4.5 metres high.

- The city estimates 40,000 people use Groat Road everyday when the road is open to traffic. The contractor is paying \$15,000 for every day the road is closed.



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Fire-pit debate heading to council



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Edmonton councillors will consider pouring cold water on backyard fire pits as part of new, slightly tougher bylaws.

The proposal in front of councillors would allow by-law officers some discretion in dealing with fire pits, if those pits become a nuisance to nearby property owners or

create other issues.

Four councillors debated the issue Monday at council's service committee, but other councillors wanted a chance to weigh in, and the issue was moved to the full council.

Coun. Dave Loken said the proposal was another in a troubling line of bylaws that deal with essentially personal issues.

"I'm getting really tired of these in-your-backyard, in-

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"I think we better start concentrating on things that actually matter."

Coun. Dave Loken, feeling the city has more critical items to debate at council.

your-living-room, in-your-face bylaws," he said. "I think we better start concentrating on things that actually matter."

While the city has received only a small handful of complaints, Coun. Ben Henderson

said improving the bylaw so it can allow officers to deal with the worst offenders is the least council can do.

"Bylaws are there to deal with the jerks and they're not dealing with the jerks."



Andrew Leach wants the city to reanimate the Mill Creek ravine during construction of the Valley Line LRT. COURTESY CITY OF EDMONTON

City should 'daylight' Mill Creek: Resident

Environment.

Opening the ravine in combination with Valley Line LRT construction would leave a legacy, Edmonton man says

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"It would be an incredible natural amenity to have right in the core of the city."

Andrew Leach, Edmonton resident

struction of the Valley Line but that planning needs to be done before shovels hit the ground.

"It would be an incredible natural amenity to have right in the core of the city," he said. "We know how much Edmontonians value the river valley ... well this is an integral part of the ecosystem."

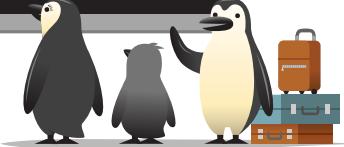
Leach added that the city's first environmental impact assessment report for the Valley Line outlined the ravine as a priority to re-establish, but the most recent report skirts around the issue.

He plans on attending a public hearing on the line Wednesday to make his point.

"If we want to send an image of Edmonton to people who visit Edmonton, this would be a fantastic legacy piece."

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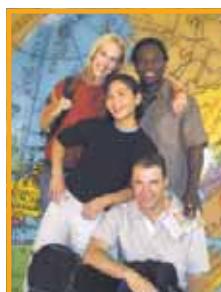
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Food-truck reports slow to move online

Health and safety.

Delay should be used to create better system, says industry figure

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Wheels are rolling — slowly — on transporting inspection reports for Edmonton's beloved food trucks from paper to the web, according to Alberta Health Services.

Currently, the Edmonton zone's website can't handle "the IT infrastructure" needed to upload the reports, said AHS Edmonton-zone senior media advisor Kerry Williamson in an email to Metro.

He added that "a solution that will enable consistent posting of these reports across all zones (including Edmonton) is under review



Levi Biddlecombe wants Edmontonians to have as much information about where they're eating as possible. METRO FILE

and likely to be implemented in 2016."

Although having the reports online would be handy, local foodies are hoping to see more than static records of the inspections.

"If they're going to miss most of this (food truck) sea-

Food safety
Requests for food-truck inspection reports can be made by emailing restaurantinspections@albertahealthservices.ca or by calling 780-735-1800.

son, maybe it makes sense to wait," said Mack Male, co-creator of the What the Truck?! Events.

"If they're going to wait, I'd like to see something a little more accessible made available. I'd personally like to see it as open data."

Calgary's food-truck scene already sees inspection reports posted online. Edmonton food-truck owners want to see that in Edmonton as soon as possible.

"It might be nice to have just in case you eat somewhere and you're curious," said Levi Biddlecombe, owner of Atilla the HUNgry.



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Bill would ban tanning beds for minors

Politics. Proposed law an attempt to reduce rates of skin cancer

Alberta hopes to help protect young people from getting skin cancer by banning them from using indoor tanning beds.

Legislation introduced Monday would prohibit anyone under 18 years old from using the beds, which aim to bronze the skin by bathing people in ultraviolet rays.

These UV rays also increase the risk of young people developing skin cancers later in life, including potentially deadly melanoma.

"The Skin Cancer Prevention Act is a major step forward in the effort to reduce

rates of melanoma in our province," Health Minister Stephen Mandel said.

The proposed law would also ban advertising directed at minors about artificial tanning and prohibit self-service artificial tanning equipment in public places.

Tanning salons would also be required to post warnings about the health dangers of indoor tanning.

Violetta Ambrozuk, 31, who has terminal melanoma, said she wished there had been such a law when she started indoor tanning at the age of 16.

Ambrozuk said she was diagnosed at 25 and has been told her cancer is spreading. She makes a point of telling teen girls who tan at the gym she attends to beware.

"They have no idea what



A proposed new law introduced Monday would prohibit anyone under 18 from using a tanning bed. METRO FILE

skin cancer is, let alone melanoma or the dangers of it," she said.

"It has been hell. Had somebody approached me

when I was 16 and told me, I would never had this cancer. It is horrible."

Sarah Hawkins of the Canadian Cancer Society said

melanoma is one of the fastest-growing preventable cancers and research indicates that using indoor tanning equipment during youth in-

creases the risk by nearly 60 per cent.

"Too many Alberta teens are put at a significantly higher risk of developing melanoma — the deadliest form of skin cancer — by using indoor tanning equipment," Hawkins said. "We encourage the government to pass and proclaim this legislation without delay."

Mandel said he hopes the bill will pass this spring.

The U.S. National Cancer Institute says teen girls make up a growing number of tanning bed customers.

Alberta Health estimates one in three 17-year-old girls in the province has used indoor tanning equipment.

Of those who have tanned indoors, two-thirds report having started before they were 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Avalanche

Sherwood Park man's body among two recovered

The bodies of two men from Alberta killed in an avalanche near Prince George, B.C., on Saturday have been recovered.

RCMP Cpl. Dave Tyreman says the two victims were among three men hit by the slide when they were snowmobiling near the village of McBride in the Lower Dore Mountain Range. Tyreman says a 29-year-old man from Ponoka and 36-year-old Curtis Fries from Sherwood Park were buried, while the third man managed to dig himself out.

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Match.com

Survey finds Oilers fans spend most on dates

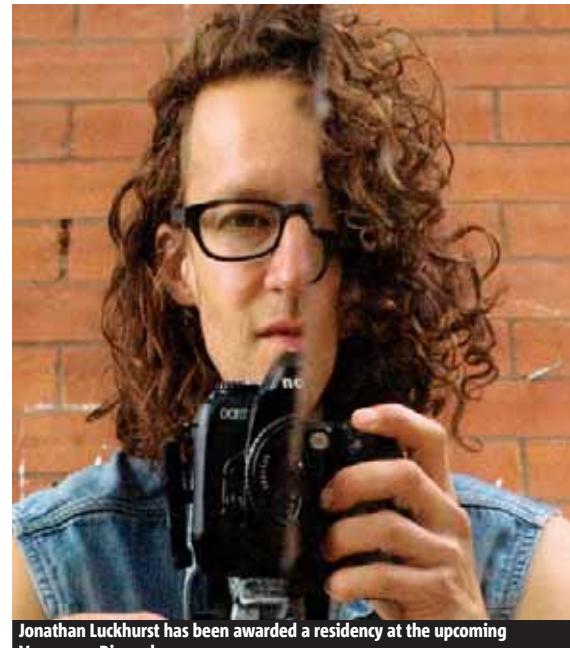
Edmonton Oilers fans keep it classy when it comes to off-ice games.

A recent survey by the dating site Match.com, which investigated dating habits based on which team a person cheers for, showed Oilers fans spend the most on their dates.

Some 22 per cent of them shell out \$60 to \$80 on a first date, the survey found.

"I believe it," said Katie Copeland, a server at Fireside Restaurant, near Rexall Place. "Fans spend quite a bit on dinner and drinks on game nights."

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Jonathan Luckhurst has been awarded a residency at the upcoming Vancouver Biennale. CONTRIBUTED

Exhibition. Luckhurst to be sole Canadian in show

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Edmonton's Jonathan Luckhurst is emerging from artistic hiding in May as the only Canadian out of seven international artists to be awarded a prestigious residency at the upcoming Vancouver Biennale art exhibition.

"I'm fairly unknown," Luckhurst said. "I'm a bit of a hermit in the art world and I'm feeling really honoured and excited at where this could take my work."

"This is the first time I've gone fairly political."

Luckhurst said he plans to use the residency to make projections on blank walls, photograph, print the photos

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Jonathan Luckhurst

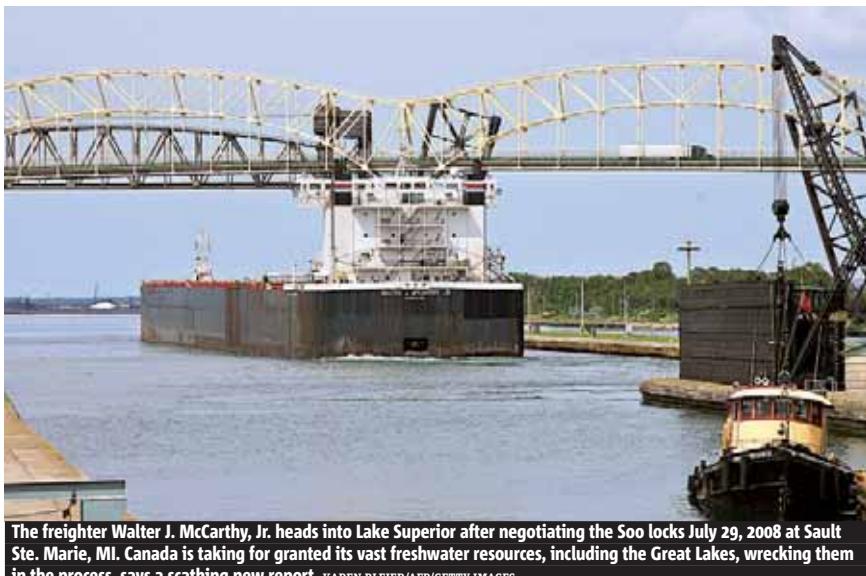
on massive sheets of special Japanese paper and then paste the paper onto giant wooden cubes that he will build.

The work aims to address the gap between the built environment and nature, he said, and draws inspiration from Edmonton's many bleak walls.

In Edmonton there are a lot of blank concrete structures that I felt could use beautification," Luckhurst said.

"I wanted to basically do something with these walls. I found them really oppressive."

Report warns of threats to fresh water



The freighter Walter J. McCarthy, Jr. heads into Lake Superior after negotiating the Soo locks July 29, 2008 at Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Canada is taking for granted its vast freshwater resources, including the Great Lakes, wrecking them in the process, says a scathing new report. KAREN BLEIER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Blue Betrayal. Ottawa accused of turning its back on water resources

Canada is taking its vast freshwater resources for granted, wrecking them in the process, says a scathing new report.

Titled Blue Betrayal, the report warns climate change, industrial farming, melting glaciers, oil, gas and mineral extraction, and dumping of waste (sometimes toxic) into waterways all threaten our diminishing water supplies.

The report, authored by Maude Barlow, of the Council of Canadians, a non-governmental organization, accuses Ottawa of turning its back on water resources to advance energy industry interests.

"On both sides of the border, we continue to see the Great

Lakes as a dumping ground for our toxic waste, and, more recently, as a carbon corridor to transport tar sands bitumen, fracked gas and fracking wastewater," Barlow said on Monday, calling those the "most dangerous energy sources on Earth."

A big chunk of the report talks about steps Ottawa has taken that have made freshwater resources more vulnerable, such as targeting scientific institutes and projects that did important work. Included in that list is the plan to dismantle the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA), the world's leading freshwater research institute. The facility has been saved temporarily by the Ontario and Manitoba governments.

The report accuses past Liberal and Conservative governments of allowing Canada's lakes, rivers and groundwater to deteriorate.

It doesn't paint a healthy picture of the Great Lakes, a source of livelihood for more than 40 million people in Canada and the U.S.

It says there are at least 204 pollutants in the Great Lakes, including plastic in various forms. Great Lakes fish are loaded with contaminants like mercury, dioxins and lead, it adds.

Mark Mattson of Lake Ontario Waterkeeper says Toledo's drinking water advisory last summer was a wake-up call that "we can't take the Great Lakes for granted."

Toledo's nearly 500,000 residents were told not to use water for drinking, cooking or bathing in August 2014 after tests at a treatment plant showed dangerous toxin levels due to a toxic algae bloom in Lake Erie, from which the city draws its drinking water.

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Study sees dramatic fall in number of immigrants who become citizens

The percentage of immigrants who become citizens has been dropping dramatically in recent years — from 79 per cent to 26 per cent among people who arrived between 2000 and 2008.

Sounding the alarm is former citizenship director general Andrew Griffith, who suggests that recent reforms which raised barriers to becoming a citizen could lead to immigrants' widespread disengagement from Canadian public life and identity.

His analysis of the impact of the Conservatives' reforms shows that the new version of the citizenship test has adversely affected applicants from visible minorities more than those with European roots.

"In the past, citizenship was viewed as a stepping stone to

immigrant integration, and it should be done earlier on," said Griffith, who will present his study, Multiculturalism in Canada, at a three-day national immigration and settlement conference in Vancouver that starts Thursday. "These changes have made it harder and prohibitive for some to acquire citizenship, turning Canada into a country where an increasing percentage of immigrants are likely to remain non-citizens, without the ability to engage in the Canadian political process."

Citizens are protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, can vote in elections and are entitled to Canadian passports. Not only do permanent residents not have those privileges, they are also vulnerable to revocation of their status and

removals from Canada.

Based on latest government data, Griffith found that the ratio of permanent residents who eventually become citizens has been in decline since 2000 and has dropped most rapidly in recent years.

Only 26 per cent of permanent residents who settled in Canada in 2008 have acquired Canadian citizenship, compared with 44 per cent for the wave of immigrants settling in 2007, and 79 per cent of those who arrived in 2000.

The permanent-resident-to-citizen conversion rate generally rises the longer immigrants have been in Canada. But an 18-per-cent decrease between the 2008 and 2007 cohorts is alarming, Griffith said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



This sweater brings an important message

Jeremy Dias, founder of the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity, wears the Gay Sweater, a garment made from the hair of hundreds of gay people. The sweater was designed to signify the idea that to insult an object by calling it "gay" is to insult real people. The donated hair was spun into yarn and knitted by two Toronto women. The sweater is making its debut at Toronto Fashion week. For more info, go to Thegaysweater.cccsd-cccds.org.

LIZ BEDDALL/METRO TORONTO

Cruz joins 2016 U.S. presidential race

Politics. Platform includes securing borders, abolishing IRS

Sen. Ted Cruz opened the first major campaign of the 2016 U.S. presidential season Monday with a kickoff speech courting cultural conservatives and declaring that he will devote himself to "reigniting the promise of America."

One of several Republican hopefuls to rise from the Tea Party movement, Cruz spoke at Liberty University, the college founded by the late Rev. Jerry Falwell, hours after a wee-hours tweet announcing his White House bid. The choice of the college was meant as marker against potential rivals who are also counting on Christian conservatives to fuel their candidacies.

Cruz addressed his religious faith, his father's Cuban roots and his unquestioned conservative credentials, saying "for so many

Americans the promise of America seems more and more distant."

And he asked the enthusiastic crowd to "imagine a president that finally, finally, finally secures the borders."

"Imagine a simple flat tax," he said. "Imagine abolishing the IRS."

He spoke on the fifth anniversary of President Barack Obama's health-care law — legislation that prompted Cruz to stand for more than 21 hours in the Senate to denounce it in a marathon speech that delighted his Tea Party constituency and other foes of the law. Cheers rose in the hall when Cruz reminded the crowd Monday that Liberty University filed a suit against the law right after its enactment.

"God's blessing has been on America from the very beginning of this nation and I believe that God isn't done with Americans," Cruz said. "I believe in you. I believe in the power of millions of courageous conservatives rising up to reignite the promise of America. And that is



Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, his wife Heidi, and their two daughters Catherine, 4, left, and Caroline, 6, right, wave on stage after he announced his campaign for president, Monday. ANDREW HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

that is why, today, I am announcing that I am running for president of the United States of America."

Cruz, a divisive figure in his own party, is not expected to be the sole GOP contender for long. Former Florida Gov.

Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and two Senate colleagues, Kentucky's Rand Paul and Florida's Marco Rubio, are eyeing campaign launches soon.

For his announcement, Cruz bypassed Texas, which

he represents in the Senate, as well as early nominating states such as New Hampshire, where Mitt Romney kicked off his own campaign for the GOP nomination in 2012, and Iowa.

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Status

Is he American enough?

Ted Cruz's announcement that he's running for president has renewed questions about his Calgary birthplace and whether the Texas senator's Canadian roots leave him ineligible to make a bid for the Oval Office.

They don't, American constitutional scholars say, because Cruz's mother was a U.S. citizen when he was born. His Cuban father became a citizen in 2005.

The fact that Cruz's mother is Delaware-born satisfies the U.S. constitution's requirement that a president must be a "natural-born U.S. citizen," experts agree.

Police ice probe of alleged gang rape, detailed in magazine

A five-month police investigation into an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia, described in graphic detail in a Rolling Stone article, produced no evidence of the attack and was stymied by the accuser's unwillingness to co-operate, authorities said Monday.

The article, titled "A rape on campus," traced the story from a student identified only as Jackie, who said she was raped at a Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house on Sept. 28, 2012. It also described a hidden cul-

ture of sexual violence fueled by binge drinking at the college. Police said they found no evidence of that, either.

There were numerous discrepancies between the article and what they found, said Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo, who was careful not to characterize Jackie's account as a false allegation.

The case is suspended, not closed, and the fact that investigators could not find evidence years later "doesn't mean that something terrible didn't happen to Jackie," Lon-

go said.

He appealed for anyone with information about the case or any sexual assault to come forward, and he even said Jackie may one day be in a place where she would be comfortable explaining what happened.

"There's a difference between a false allegation and something that happened that may have been different than what was described in that article," Longo said.

Asked if Jackie would be charged with making a false

report, he said: "Absolutely not."

Accurate or not, the article heightened scrutiny of sexual assaults on college campuses. Even before it was published, the U.S. Education Department revealed a list of 55 colleges, including the University of Virginia, under investigation for the way they handled sexual assault allegations. President Barack Obama's administration launched a campaign to end campus sex assaults.

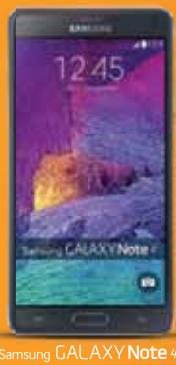
Longo said Jackie first de-

scribed a sexual assault when she met with a dean in May 2013 about an academic issue, but "the sexual act was not consistent with what was described" in the Rolling Stone article. The dean brought in police, but Jackie didn't want them to investigate and the case was dropped.

After the article was printed in November, she met with police, this time with an attorney, and again refused to talk. Discrepancies in the article were soon found by news organizations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Review

Rolling Stone printed an apology and asked the dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism to conduct a review of the article, by Sabrina Rubin Erdely, and its editorial process. The magazine is expected to publish those findings in a couple of weeks.



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Pipelines

Groups challenge approval process

A coalition of environmental advocates in B.C. is taking the National Energy Board to Canada's highest court in a challenge of the pipeline approval process, arguing restrictive rules unfairly limit public participation in the pipeline debate. The group contends the process impedes charter rights. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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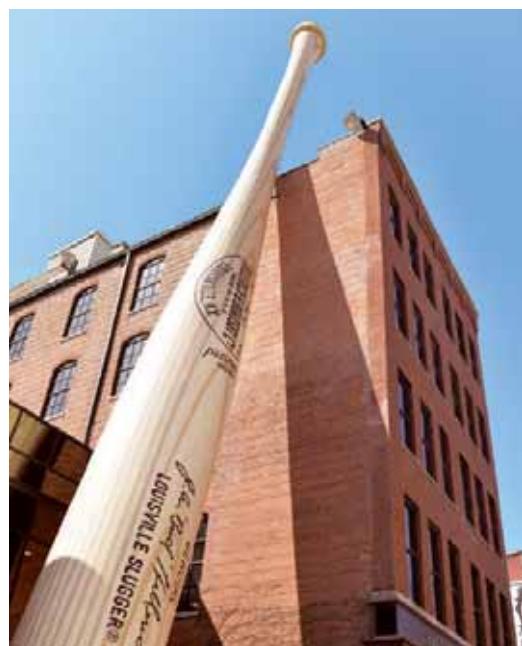
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Louisville Slugger sold to rival

A 36-metre-tall replica bat fronts the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory in Louisville, Ky., Monday. The company that made the iconic bats for a who's-who of baseball greats, including Babe Ruth and Ted Williams, is selling its Louisville Slugger brand to rival Wilson Sporting Goods Co., a division of Finnish sports equipment maker Amer Sports Corp., for \$70 million US. Hillerich & Bradsby Co. has made the bats for more than 130 years. **TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cod stocks improving but recovery is still years away, researchers say

Scientists tracking northern cod stocks off Newfoundland say there are hopeful signs of recovery but that any lifting of an almost 23-year-old commercial fishing moratorium is likely a decade away.

There are more fish, and they're both larger and older, said George Rose, director of the Centre for Fisheries Ecosystems Research at Memorial University's Marine Institute in St. John's.

The northern cod moratorium,

which threw thousands of people out of work after it was announced July 2, 1992, was initially to last two years. Rose was among those scientists who predicted it would take much longer for stocks to rebound from a complex blend of overfishing, mismanagement and environmental factors.

Warming water trends could ultimately help cod and caplin, a vital food source on which cod depend and which also collapsed in the 1980s,

Rose said.

The role of growing seal populations is another hotly debated topic around fish stock recovery. What, if anything, should be done about seal populations is "a political decision," said Jeffrey Hutchings, a biologist at Dalhousie University in Halifax. But like Rose, he stressed that severely depleted fish stocks don't just bounce back even after overfishing stops.

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Female execs bring bigger profits: Study

Leadership. Many firms slow to make workplaces more women-friendly

Evidence is growing that it pays for a company to have equal numbers of male and female managers.

A study last year found units at multinational catering company Sodexo that had equal numbers of men and women in management roles delivered more profits more consistently than those dominated by men.

Companies are trying to increase the number of women in executive positions, yet many are struggling to do so because of a failure to adapt workplace conditions in a way that ensures qualified women do not drop off the corporate ladder, surveys show.

In survey last year of 366 companies, consultancy McKinsey & Co. found that those whose leadership roles were most balanced between men and women were more likely to report financial returns above their industry median.

Companies with more balanced leadership do a better job recruiting and retaining

Women on boards

France, Norway, Spain and Germany have sought to mandate progress by imposing quotas for women on company boards.

- Norway had the highest percentage of women on boards — 35 per cent — among 20 countries.

talented workers, reducing the costs associated with replacing top executives, McKinsey found. They also have stronger customer relations because management better reflects the diversity of society, and they tend to make better business decisions because a wider array of viewpoints is considered.

While most big companies now have programs to increase gender diversity, many executives express frustration these programs aren't working. McKinsey found that 63 per cent of the employers it surveyed had at least 20 initiatives to address gender equity, but women held less than a quarter of the top jobs in 92 per cent of the companies.

A woman's prospects for promotion fall off at every

step of the career ladder, according to a separate survey of 130 large companies conducted by McKinsey in 2012. While women made up 37 per cent of the total workforce, they comprised 22 per cent of middle managers, 14 per cent of senior managers and vice-presidents, nine per cent of executive committee members and two per cent of CEOs.

The real challenge for employers is to hire, train and promote talented women so they have a pipeline of qualified female candidates when they need to fill senior roles.

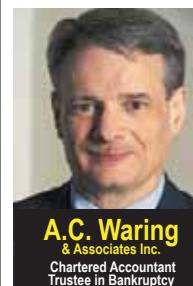
"We're on the cusp of a revolution," says Cary Cooper, a professor at Lancaster University Management School in Britain. "If organizations don't allow more flexibility, more autonomy, they're just going to keep losing (women)."

A recent study at Harvard Business School urged a rethink on why more women aren't getting and keeping top jobs. The study, released in December, found that while men and women start out with similar career goals, women progress more slowly because of institutional hurdles and the demands of spouses for them to manage family responsibilities.

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Concrete measures are needed to protect Edmonton's trail users from the threat of dog bites



**YOUR
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Jay Smith

Props to the guy for pushing a stroller along the top of Saskatchewan Drive in the morning; fathers who look after their kids during the workday get gold stars. You get no gold stars, however, for letting your big brown hound chase me and then chomp my hand, hard. Luckily, I was wearing mittens, so the bite didn't break the skin, but it left a bruise.

The guy apologized. I ran off as quickly as I could to avoid being attacked again.

Anyone who uses Edmonton's trails and isn't an irresponsible pet owner knows this story well. Over the years, as the city has increased areas available for off-leash dogs, it's become a wild west for canine aggression.

The response from canine owners is often galling: If you're a cyclist passing through Laurier Park and a dog attacks you, even if you're riding in the area designated for bike use, it's your fault for being "in" an off-leash area.

Friends in other cities (cities that have fenced-off areas for dog parks) think I'm a lunatic for running through off-leash areas, but we're talking about huge swaths of the River Valley that often link routes without other feasible connections.

The city records about 200 incidents of reported dog aggression annually. I couldn't find statistics specif-



The City of Edmonton records about 200 incidents of reported dog aggression annually. iSTOCK

ic to off-leash areas and the appropriate city rep was unavailable. Nonetheless, I think that the number is grossly under-reported.

When I tried to report being bitten, I discovered that you require the dog's licence number or the owner's personal information to do so. While this makes sense, it's also completely impractical to search for information

on an aggressive dog's collar after you've been bitten.

When you try to obtain the owner's personal information, my experience is you get verbal abuse. Once, I pointed out to a woman that her small dog was wandering, unattended, on popular mountain bike trails (which were also not an off-leash area). She unleashed (pun intended) a

torrent of unprintables at me.

Sure, many of you who are pet owners will say, no, that's not me. And of course, there are degrees. There are plenty of dog owners who behave well — holding onto your dog when others approach, standing between the dog and others, ensuring that your dog comes when called, muzzling your dog if he or she is nippy. Or, heaven

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forbid, keeping your pet on a leash.

Cyclists, too, can be jerks. I have a hate-on for cyclists who don't use their bells and who take blind corners at full speed.

But the bad behaviour in dog parks seems to be reaching an apex. My stepdad won't take our family dog, a smaller breed, to the off-leash area because he's afraid of dog attacks. A friend living near Terwiliger won't go there on the weekend because she's tired of being harassed by dog owners and their dogs — and lives in fear she or her children will be seriously hurt.

Incidentally, the city encourages concerned dog owners to volunteer as monitors for off-leash areas. This seems a weak solution to what I think is a bigger problem. What is required is a broader recognition of our shared goals as trail and park users — safety — and then concrete measures, such as fenced-off dog areas to protect the rest of us.

Jay Smith is a writer who has cycled, walked and run on Edmonton's streets and pathways her entire life. Her status as an alt-transit diehard includes raising her two kids without a car (or a licence) until last year.

Canada's continued mission in Iraq a tragedy of errors



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This week, the Harper government will extend and expand our supposedly no-boots-on-the-ground, six-month military mission in Iraq.

The purpose, according to Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson, is to "degrade and destabilize this gang of thugs (ISIL), and in doing so, strip (it) of its power to threaten the security of the region or to launch terrorist operations in Canada."

The reality is this soon-to-be-open-ended, bottomless money pit of a misguided mission will achieve none of Nicholson's objectives and may actually make us more vulnerable to terrorist at-

tack in the future.

ISIL is the logical result of cascading, colliding, ill-advised and illogical western military misadventures in a volatile region full of deep-seated historic, religious, ideological, sectarian conflicts we can barely identify let alone wrap our minds around.

ISIL not the only bad guys

If we take on ISIL in Syria, are we propping up a reprehensible regime responsible for the deaths of at least 60,000 civilians in the last three years?

This latest mess-of-our-own-making began with George W. Bush's invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Canada wisely dodged that bullet.

As Opposition leader then, Stephen Harper had argued for putting our troops in harm's way in Iraq.

As prime minister, he volunteered us last fall for Iraq II.

And now he's keen for us to push into the front lines of those chasing ISIL from Iraq into Syria.

We claim we need to fight ISIL in Syria because the U.S.-led coalition has been so successful in driving them out of Iraq.

How's that working out?

Well, let's see. Iran, another non-ally (see nuclear threat) that supports al-Assad, is also fighting ISIL in Iraq ... when it isn't fomenting sectarian violence between Iraqi-backed Shia and ISIL-encouraged Sunni militias.

Not that either side requires encouragement. They've been warring since 632 over who should succeed the Prophet Muhammad.

Confused?

So is Rob Nicholson, whose dismissal of ISIL as simply "a gang of thugs" betrays his ignorance of its complex historical, religious and ideological roots.

Instead of adding our inevitably inconsequential military might to an unwinnable conflict, Canada could make a real contribution by focusing instead on helping these wars' refugees and understanding why so many young western-raised Muslims, including Canadians, offer themselves as drone fodder for ISIL. And finding constructive ways to discourage them.

Unfortunately, those actions aren't "warrior" enough for the Harper government.

So we are doomed to continue this tragedy of terrors.

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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



The late Paul Walker, left, and Vin Diesel in 2013. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Vin Diesel names his daughter after Paul Walker

Vin Diesel's fraternal affection for his late The Fast and the Furious co-star Paul Walker is apparently very deep and very authentic.

Case in point? Diesel's newborn daughter.

"I named her Pauline," he revealed on the Today show.

"There's no other person that I'm thinking about as I'm cutting this umbilical cord. I knew he was there and I felt, like, you know, a way to keep his memory a part of my memory, a part of my world."

The announcement also came with a surprisingly

personal vote of confidence for Today show anchor Natalie Morales: "I'm telling you this because I love you," Diesel said.

"I know that you are a good soul, and I know that this is in good hands."

So, um, good job, Ms. Morales?

James Corden got Mila Kunis to admit she's married ... maybe

James Corden is off to a good start as the newest late-night talk show host on the block, as during his very first guest segment he managed to kinda sorta confirm that Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher are indeed already married. During Corden's premiere interview with Kunis — pre-taped ahead of its Monday airing, according to the Daily Mail — the British host continually prods the actress about whether she and Kutcher have already tied

the knot, only to be met with a repeated response of, "Maybe."

"Either you're married, or you're not," he says before demanding she show off her left ring finger, which sports a golden wedding band. "They are married, look," the host declares. So now you know.



Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift crushes the dreams of would-be porn peddlers

Taylor Swift is all about insurance these days, and not just when it comes to her \$40-million legs. The savvy pop star reportedly purchased a number of adult-themed domain names before they became available to the public as a means to thwart porn peddlers from cashing in on her fame.

So if you had your heart set on registering domains like TaylorSwift.porn or TaylorSwift.adult, then it sucks to be you. I mean, for multiple reasons, but right now let's just focus on the fact that your hopes for a Swift-themed adult entertainment empire have been dashed.

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Pop stars warm up to Chilly's classic style

Music. Drake collaborator Chilly Gonzales explains why people fear classical music, and why it's time they got over it

It was a childhood visit to an art gallery, chaperoned by his father, that first ignited Chilly Gonzales's passion for rendering esoteric pieces more accessible.

It wasn't really the art that inspired the Canadian-reared pianist (born Jason Beck), but how his dad struggled to appreciate it.

"He couldn't decide if he liked the painting until he read the title and the paragraph that tells you something about it," said Beck during a phone interview from Germany.

"I was touched by the fact that my dad needed that story to guide him through. I think those people also deserve to enjoy creative things."

"That's why I've always done a lot of context-building."

In fact, it's become a mission for the acclaimed 43-year-old musician, who has collaborated with Drake, Leslie Feist and Daft Punk (which merited Gonzales a Grammy Award for album of the year).

Last year he released Re-Introduction Etudes, a book of 24 easy-to-master piano pieces designed to inspire lapsed players. And in a YouTube series called Pop Music Masterclass he's been cheerfully dissecting hits including I Love Makonnen's Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Gonzales releases the solo album Chambers, which uses piano and strings to sketch links between Romantic-era chamber music and modern pop.

CP: Why is it that people are daunted by classical music?

There's something about instrumental music ... it must be some childhood reaction to the fact that we were told this was high art. It's the rea-

son we're all nervous when we go to a concert hall. It's a feeling of too much respect. We can't take it on its own terms.

CP: Writing about your song The Difference, you mused that most musicians are "frauds, others merely mediocre, and a scant few worthy of listening." How do you define that worthiness?

It's anyone who creates their own lane.

I might think an artist is a fraud, but it doesn't mean someone shouldn't like them. It just means that when someone hides behind something that came before them that worked, at the expense of bringing something more original to the game, then I feel like they're a fraud (as) if they didn't quite have the strength to resist temptation.

The bigger risk and the bigger gamble is always to take the harder road, be yourself as much as possible. I just know this from my

own experience.

CP: What was that process like, of shaping your career?

I went through moments where I tried to shave off the rough edges, all though my 20s.

It wasn't working.

Eventually I moved to Berlin and decided I would approach my career the way a rapper would.

I took the name Chilly Gonzales for that reason. It was audibly a fake name and I was going to ... have somewhat of a cartoonish persona, and at the same time try to put a lot of musical depth into what I do.

That was the gamble I took because I wanted to create my own lane.

The artists I respect the most created their own lane. Whether it's Daft Punk or Drake or Leslie Feist, they really did carve something out. And the proof is many people try to imitate them, and very few are able to succeed.

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Toronto-raised Chilly Gonzales has been on a mission to make classical music more accessible. He has collaborated with Drake, Leslie Feist and Daft Punk.

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Afghan 'Bruce Lee' dreams big

Kabul. Amid the ruins of war, a young martial artist walks the path of his famous idol

Framed by the dramatic backdrop of Kabul's ruined Darulaman palace, Abbas Alizada throws kung fu punches, kicks and spins, watched by an eager young crowd.

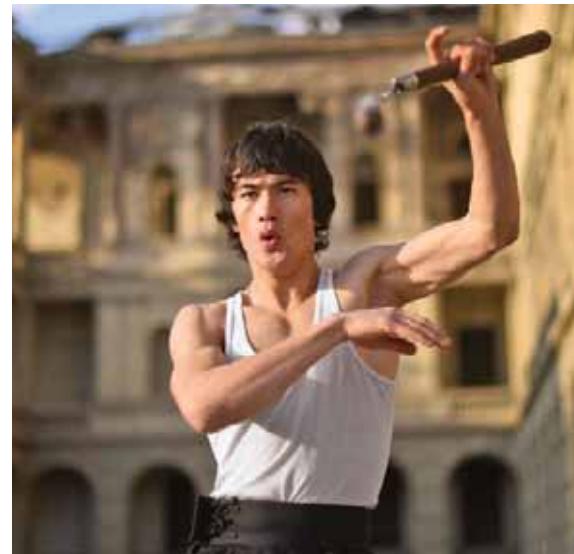
Dressed in a white vest, black trousers and light shoes despite the bitter Afghan winter, Alizada bears a striking resemblance to his idol — legendary martial arts movie star Bruce Lee.

Alizada twirls his nunchucks in front of the shell-blasted walls of the former royal palace, an evocative monument to the 35 years of war that have ravaged Afghanistan.

Then he leaves the enclosure, smiling, sunglasses on his nose, his fans can finally meet him, shake his hand — and take selfies with him.

He is a member of Afghanistan's Hazara community, an ethnic group with distinctively Central Asian features that add to his resemblance to Hong Kong star Lee.

With more than 50,000



Abbas Alizada, who calls himself the Afghan Bruce Lee, twirls his nunchucks at the ruined Darulaman palace in Kabul. SHAH MARAI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

followers on Twitter and 40,000 likes on Facebook, Alizada has become quite a celebrity in Afghanistan, known locally as "Bruce Hazara."

He has become a familiar face on local media and now he is dreaming of Hollywood stardom.

"When I was eight years

old, I saw the Bruce Lee movies, and I was hooked," he told AFP in his brother's office in Kabul, sitting round a traditional sandali stove for warmth.

"I said I will be the Bruce Lee of Afghanistan one day. I know I cannot be Bruce Lee, but I follow in his path," he said. AFP

Clinical Research Study

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Breastfeeding is good for the brain

Well-being. Effects of being breastfed continue into adulthood, boosting intelligence, education and earnings, regardless of socio-economic status, research paper shows

People breastfed as infants have higher intelligence scores in adulthood, and higher earnings, according to a study published last week that tracked the development of 3,500 newborns over 30 years.

And, critically, the socio-economic status of mothers appeared to have little impact on breastfeeding results, according to a paper published by *The Lancet* medical journal.

"The effect of breastfeeding on brain development and child intelligence is well established," lead author Bernardo Lessa Horta of the Federal University of Pelotas in Brazil said in a statement.

What has been less clear, is whether the effects persist into adulthood, and whether a mother's socio-economic status or education level played a bigger role in the outcome of previous studies than her choice to breastfeed or not.

"Our study provides the first evidence that prolonged breastfeeding not only increases intelligence until at least the age of 30 years but also has an impact both at an individual and societal level by improving educational attainment and earning ability," said Horta.

"What is unique about this study is the fact that, in the population we studied, breastfeeding was not more



The longer a baby is breastfed, the greater the long-term benefits. ISTOCK

How much smarter?

4 IQ points

An individual breastfed for at least a year as a baby gained a full four IQ points, had 0.9 years more schooling, and an income of \$104 higher per month at the age of 30, compared to those breastfed for less than one month, the study found.

common among highly educated, high-income women, but was evenly distributed by social class."

Horta and a team analysed data from another study of children born in Pelotas in 1982.

Information on breastfeeding was compared to IQ test results at the average age of 30 years, as well as the educational achievement and income of 3,493 participants.

"While the study showed increased adult intelligence, longer schooling, and higher adult earnings at all duration levels of breastfeeding, the longer a child was breastfed for (up to 12 months), the greater the magnitude of the benefits."

AFP

to the IQ increase including family income at birth, parental schooling, genomic ancestry, maternal smoking during pregnancy, maternal age, birth weight, and delivery type," said the statement.

Smart move

Fatty acids in breast milk are good for the growing mind

An individual breastfed for at least a year as a baby gained a full four IQ points, had 0.9 years more schooling, and an income of \$104 higher per month at the age of 30, compared to those breastfed for less than one month, the study published in *The Lancet* medical journal found.

"The likely mechanism underlying the beneficial effects of breast milk on intelligence is the presence of long-chain saturated fatty acids (DHA) found in breast milk, which are essential for brain development," said Horta.

"Our finding that predominant breastfeeding is positively related to IQ in adulthood also suggests that the amount of milk consumed plays a role."

In a comment also carried by *The Lancet*, Erik Mortensen of the University of Copenhagen said the findings had important public health implications.

"However, these findings need to be corroborated by future studies designed to focus on long-term effects and important life outcomes associated with breastfeeding."

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With rice as the foundation, the meal mix takes mere minutes. Each one starts with an onion and garlic sautéed and some quickie protein warmed though. Serve on a bed of greens to up the veg count for the day.



Rice makes a great foundation for a fast meal. iSTOCK

Rice bowl meals

- Canned beans, nuts, basil
- Frozen shrimp, frozen peas, dill and white wine
- Scrambled egg, frozen corn, chili powder, hot sauce
- Leftover pork, barbecue sauce, chopped green onions
- Leftover chicken, soy sauce mixed with honey, shredded spinach
- Canned salmon, butter, evaporated milk, pinch of nutmeg, chopped celery
- Feta cheese, chopped tomatoes, Greek salad dressing, oregano

The healthy trick is to watch the ratio of rice to protein. One cup of whole-grain rice plus one half cup of protein plus one cup of vegetables is the ideal mixture.

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TOTAL TIME
ABOUT 5 MINUTES

This recipe serves four. THERESA ALBERT

Quick and easy. You can have this Italian 'risotto' rice bowl on the table in mere minutes

Directions

1. In a skillet, warm oil, sauté

onion and garlic, stir in walnuts and dried basil. Stir for 2 minutes. Add beans with liquid, cream and Parmesan cheese and warm through.

2. Top a bed of greens with a cup of cooked short grain rice. Top with creamy bean mixture and chopped tomatoes. THERESA ALBERT

Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1 tbsp dried basil
- 1 can mixed beans
- 1 cup cream
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Mixed greens
- 4 cups cooked rice (prepared in the rice cooker early in the day)
- 1 cup chopped grape tomatoes

Cream turns simple burger rotini into a saucy dish

Sure, we're all trying to lose those pesky 10 or 15 or whatever pounds, but that's no reason to not keep a pint of heavy cream in the refrigerator.

Truth is, a little fat like that can go a long way to turning a basic dish into one that is exceedingly comforting. Steak, for example, is dramatically improved with a cream-based pan sauce. Puréed vegetable soups taste like indulgences with just a bit of cream. And don't even get me started about what it does for mashed potatoes and baked sweet potatoes. Think of it as a seasoning or accent flavour,



This recipe serves six. THERESA ALBERT

something to tie everything together.

To make my point, here is a simple and delicious weeknight-friendly pasta dinner that uses a bit of heavy cream to make the dish taste like you spent way longer on it. If you'd prefer a vegetarian version, just leave out the ground beef. And, of course, this dish is plenty versatile. Add veggies as you see fit, or substitute ground pork or chicken for the beef.

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to pack-

age directions, then drain.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high, combine the beef and onion and sauté, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon. Cook until the beef is starting to brown and the onions are tender, about 8 minutes.
3. Add the garlic, red pepper flakes, soy sauce and tomatoes. Bring to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes.
4. Add the heavy cream to the meat sauce and simmer until thickened, about 2 minutes. Add the cheese, then the pasta, tossing to coat. Season with salt and pepper.

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Wild defence doing wonders for Dubnyk

NHL. Former Oilers backstop putting up elite numbers with tight-checking Minnesota

There's an axiom in the NHL: Show me a good goalie, and I'll show you a good coach.

But in this season's weird year for goalies — where backups, retreats and unknowns are shining — there may be a new axiom: Show me a good system, and I'll show you a good goalie.

The Minnesota Wild, a team known for its defensive strength, have taken off since the arrival of Devan Dubnyk.

"We like to think he's been awfully good for us," Minnesota coach Mike Yeo said. "But I would also say the success of our team, a lot of credit has to go to Devan without question, but a lot of credit has to go to the game the players are playing in front of Devan as well."

"Our guys take pride in playing defensive hockey, in playing an aggressive mentality in how we attack with the puck and also making sure we're strong on the puck and making sure we're possessing the puck. It's been a good partnership."

For Minnesota, Dubnyk was a remarkable 22-6-1, with a 1.76 goals-against average and .935 save percentage before Monday night's 2-1 win over the Leafs. Ask any fan in Edmonton — where he was run out of town as an Oiler — if they saw that coming.

But of course the Oilers were a mess as a team, relying on goalies to steal wins.

Brewer cracks 1,000 games

In a season with little to celebrate, the Toronto Maple Leafs honoured veteran defenceman Eric Brewer on Monday for reaching the 1,000-game milestone in the NHL.

- Taken fifth overall by the New York Islanders in the 1997 NHL draft, the native of Vernon, B.C.,

played 69 games for the Isles before stints with Edmonton (315 games), St. Louis (332 games), Tampa Bay (246 games) and Anaheim (eight games).

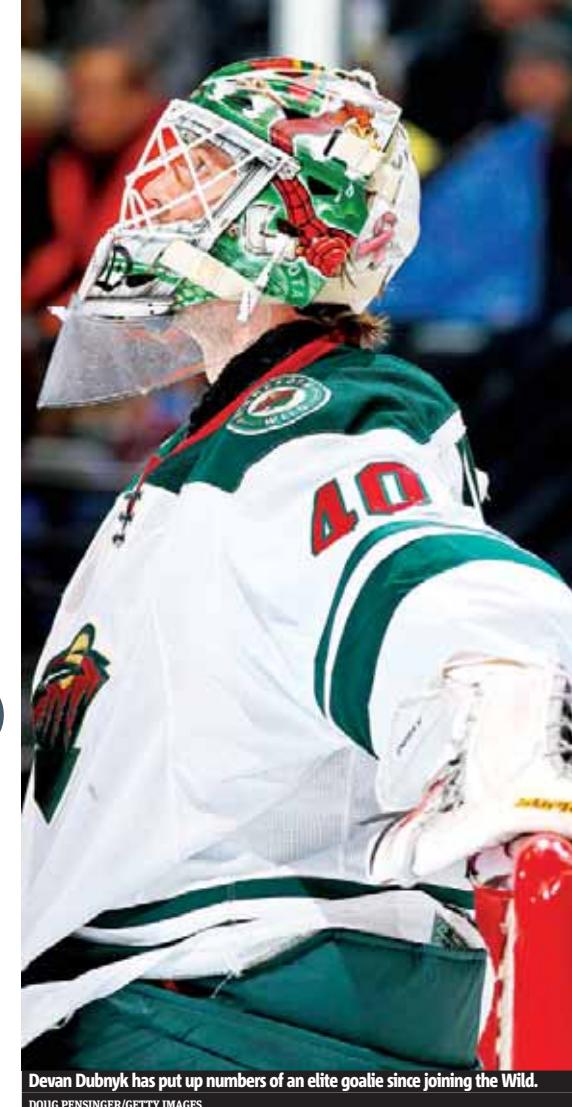
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"The way the guys work in front of me, guys are focused and always in the right spot and doing the right things," Dubnyk said. "I know this is a great hockey team, and I just have to be good for them."

The Wild were dead last in the Central when they acquired Dubnyk on Jan. 14 from Arizona for a third-round pick in the 2015 draft. Since then, the Wild have charged up to take one of the two wild-card spots in the West. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Devan Dubnyk has put up numbers of an elite goalie since joining the Wild.

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World Juniors

Former Flame Lowry named Canada coach

Dave Lowry has been named head coach of Canada's team for the 2016 world junior hockey championship.

The head coach of the WHL's Victoria Royals for the last three years, Lowry played 1,084 games over 19 NHL seasons with the Vancouver Canucks, St. Louis Blues, Florida Panthers, San Jose Sharks and Calgary Flames.

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Daley anxious to return to sidelines

Jim Daley has received the green light to cut loose.

In January, Daley had to turn down an offer to return as the Toronto Argonauts' special-teams co-ordinator for personal and health reasons. Two months later, Daley has

received a clean bill of health following some heart issues and although he still doesn't have a coaching position for 2015, he's anxious to return to the sidelines.

"If the players I coached in Hamilton and Toronto thought I was wired before, they haven't seen the new me yet," the 63-year-old Ottawa native said.

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March 21 - April 20

Your powers of persuasion are such that you can get almost anything you desire. But don't be too pushy, especially on the work front.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 20

Venus in your sign means you can get almost anything you want – and if you don't believe that now you will before the day is over.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Don't worry too much if you don't get much done over the next 24 hours. Give yourself a rest and do what makes you feel good rather than what gets you ahead.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You can no longer rely on other people to come to your rescue if you mess up. You got away recently with it because others caught you but now the safety net has gone.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Something will happen today that makes you realize how much more is possible and how far short of your potential you have been falling.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You need to get away from your current environment. You may not be able to get away immediately but what you decide today will make it easier for your future escape.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't be too eager to uncover other people's secrets or they may start digging around in your affairs — and who knows what they might find!

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

With Venus, planet of harmony, moving through your opposite sign you will have to follow as much as you lead. A partnership begun now will bring advantages for both of you, so try sharing.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Everyone you meet will be nice to you today and you will be nice back. However, don't let your guard down because one such "nice" individual has designs on your money.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

This is a good time to start something creative. It may take up a lot of your time but what you get back will more than balance what you put in.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Venus will ensure that family affairs go smoothly in the near future. If there have been any disputes now is the time to sort them out together.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

This is a good day to get out and about. If you make new friends over the next 24 hours they may well become friends for life.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. "60 Minutes" network
4. 3501 in Old Rome
9. Rapscialion
14. Be delinquent with dollars
15. Sailing spot
16. Ms. Sharapova of tennis
17. Posh procession
19. Administer
20. __ and terminer
21. Add-__ (Accessories)
22. Noisy floor effects
23. Approache
25. Fantastic tale
26. Bakery bargain, __ bread
28. Brooch
29. Herman Melville tale
33. "Lager and __" by Kim Mitchell
34. __ = The sixth letter of 'Toronto'
36. Placing
37. Sugar to a strawberry or salt to a tomato: 2 wds.
40. Campsite warmer
41. "Fine then.": 3 wds.
42. Sports org.
43. __ __ can." (Cando attitude)
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45. First Greek letters
47. Their: French

Down

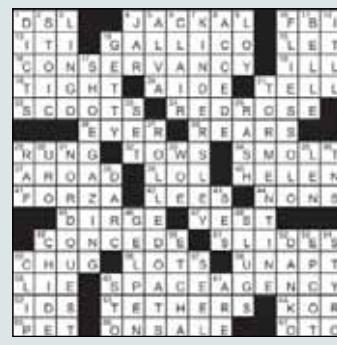
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53. __ rata
54. Constellation bear
57. More achy
58. Listener's picks of songs

60. Somewhat
61. Canadian singer Ms. Gallant
62. __ la la!"
63. Have a hunch
64. Mariner's measures
65. Voter's 'no'

5. Montreal history/arts attraction: 2 wds.
6. Stands for
7. Cookies brand
8. 'Hero' suffix
9. Intelligent
10. Gordon Lightfoot seafaring tune:

"Ghosts of __"
11. Italian harp
12. Sealtest product
13. Compenses
18. Prefix that means 'Mars'
22. CTV's "The Social" co-host: 2 wds.
24. Too
25. Writer A.A.
26. Mr. Duck
27. Rachel McAdams' "The Notebook" (2004) role
28. Non-Royals
30. "The Marilyn Denis Show" expert Charles the Butler's surname
31. Big lake of Russia
32. Gumbo veggie [pl.]
35. Bellowing
38. Like a bride without any head covering
39. Mythical Hun king
46. Cute-sounding "Ick!"
48. Uncanny
49. Love poetry Muse
50. After-the-name courtesy titles for gents [abbr.]
51. Grimace
52. Fibre cereal
53. Scheme
55. Ancient colonnade
56. Cinder-like
58. Walther __ (James Bond firearm)
59. Fleur-de-

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